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For: SULFONYLALKANOYLAMINO HYDROXYETHYLAMINO SULFONAMIDES USEFUL AS  
RETROVIRAL PROTEASE INHIBITORS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned patent application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, if there is a fee, please debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

An AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION section begins on page 2 of this paper.

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